

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: H. Lilling

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For: PROCESSES FOR IN VIVO PRODUCTION OF ASTAXANTHIN AND PHAFFIA RHODOZYMA YEAST OF ENHANCED ASTAXANTHIN CONTENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed 29 July 1998. The Examiner set a three-month period for response making the due date for response 29 October 1998.

REMARKS

In paragraph 19 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the double patenting rejection was maintained. The Examiner stated on page 3 that the presented arguments were not persuasive since the filing date is not an issue in a double patenting rejection of the obviousness type.

The rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

The law holds that in certain circumstances the filing date can be relevant, for example, if through no fault of the Applicant, prosecution is delayed in an application which actually was filed prior to an issued patent relied on for the rejection.